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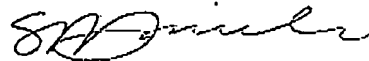
The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 6-11 are allowed and claims 3-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In accordance with this indication, claims 1 and 4 are appropriately revised, and are now believed to be allowable. As claims 2, 4 and 5 depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1, those dependent claims are believed to be allowable as well.

Claim 12 has been canceled, and thus if any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,



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